

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 – 22 (Canceled).

23. (New) An air bag covering device comprising:  
a cover cap with tear-open edges; and  
a decorative element fastened to the cover cap and covers at least one tear-open edge,  
wherein the decorative element comprises predetermined breaking points at locations  
where the decorative element covers the at least one tear-open edge.

24. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 23, wherein the decorative  
element further comprises bending points provided outside a region of the tear-open edges of  
the cover cap.

25. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 23, wherein material  
weakenings are provided in the decorative element as the predetermined breaking points.

26. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 25, wherein grooves are  
provided as the material weakenings.

27. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 25, wherein the material  
weakenings are provided on a rear side of the decorative element contacting the cover cap.

28. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 23, wherein perforations  
are provided as the predetermined breaking points.

29. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 28, wherein the  
perforations extend from a rear side of the decorative element contacting the cover cap to just  
below a top side of the decorative element.

30. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 28, wherein the  
perforations are continuous.

31. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 30, wherein the continuous perforations are formed by lasers.

32. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 30, wherein the continuous perforations are formed by ultrasonic.

33. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 30, wherein the continuous perforations are formed by cutting.

34. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 23, wherein the decorative element comprises a softer carrier material and a harder covering layer; and  
wherein a material weakening as the breaking point is provided in the covering layer.

35. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 35, wherein a rear side of the covering layer includes the material weakening; and  
wherein the carrier material engages into the material weakening.

36. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 23, wherein the decorative element comprises flexible plastic.

37. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 23, wherein a surface of the decorative element is provided with a metal layer applied by sputtering.

38. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 23, wherein a surface of the decorative element is provided with an electroplated coating.

39. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 23, wherein a surface of the decorative element is lacquered.

40. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 23, wherein the decorative element is configured to break at the predetermined breaking points when an airbag deployed.

41. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 23, wherein the tear-open edges form tear-open sections; and

wherein approximately one fourth of the decorative element remains at one of the tear-open sections when the decorative element tears.

42. (New) The air bag covering device according to claim 23, wherein the tear-open edges form tear-open sections; and

wherein approximately one half to one eighth of the decorative element remains at one of the tear-open sections when the decorative element tears.